

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A gasket unit (1) for a rolling bearing supported journal bearing (2) inside a bearing bushing (3), ~~in particular for a universal joint,~~ comprising a reinforced main seal (8) inserted into a bore of the bearing bushing (3) in a torque-proof manner, a front seal ~~[[(11)]]~~ 9 axially positioned in front of the main seal (8), connected in a torque-proof manner to the journal (4), and a spring washer (10) arranged between the main seal (8) and a face (23) of rollers (5) of the bearing,

- the main seal (8) being pressed in a friction-locked manner via a cylindrical section (17) of ~~[[the]]~~ a reinforcement (11) into the bore at an interior wall of the bearing bushing (3) and comprising at least one sealing lip (18, 19), being provided on a radially inwardly facing flange (14) of the reinforcement (11), said sealing lip is supported on the journal (4) in a sealing manner;

- the front seal (9) covering an annular gap (6) between the bearing bushing (3) and the journal (4);

- the spring washer (10) being supported on an outside thereof on an area of the reinforcement (11) of the main seal (8) that is coated with a seal material (15), and on an inside on the face (23) of the rollers (5),

~~characterized in that~~ wherein in a mounted state the main seal (8) is positioned via an angled end section (12) of the reinforcement (11) supported on an interior wall (7) of the bearing bushing (3), and ~~[[that]]~~ the main seal (8) includes two axially spaced apart sealing lips (18, 19), which are sealingly supported on a section (20) of the journal and have a same diameter as the journal (4), with the first sealing lip (19) facing the front seal (9) having located on an outside thereof a tubular spring (21), and the front seal (9), connected in a form-fitting manner with the bearing bushing (3) in an area of a radially separated end section (29), forming a labyrinth

seal (3), includes a sealing lip (28), which is located inside of the reinforcement (11) of the main seal (8).

2. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the section (12) at the end of the reinforcement (11) engages in a form-fitting manner an annular groove (13) of the bearing bushing (3).

3. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a roller side of the radially inwardly facing flange (14) of the reinforcement (11), is ~~on a side facing the spring washer (10)~~ coated with an elastic seal material (15) on a side facing the spring washer (10).

4. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 3, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the seal material (15) covering the face of the flange (14) radially extends over an exterior contour of a cylindrical section (17) of the reinforcement (11), and thus seals a sealing gap (16) in a mounted position of the main seal (8), located between the interior wall ~~[[9]]~~ of the bearing bushing (3) and the cylindrical section (17) of the reinforcement (11).

5. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the first sealing lip (19) of the main seal (8) enclosed by the tubular spring (21) is provided with a triangular cross-sectional profile and the corresponding ~~additional~~ second sealing lip (18) has a rectangular profile.

6. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 5, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the sealing lips (18, 19) are separated by a diagonally

extending groove (24) having a rounded end.

7. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 6, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the groove (24) is provided as a reservoir of lubricants for the journal bearing (2).

8. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the front seal (9) is made exclusively from a seal material (15) and/or from an elastic material, and is positioned at a section (25) of the journal (4) having a greater diameter than the section (20) of the journal (4) on which the sealing lips (18, 19) ~~[[is]]~~ are supported.

9. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ in a mounted position, ~~[[the]]~~ a radially separated end section (29) of the bearing bushing (3) engages an axially oriented, U-shaped recess (26) of the front seal (9), which includes an outside rim (27) and an inside sealing lip (28).

10. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the front seal (9) is provided at an end of the rim (27) with a radially inwardly facing projection (31) that engages a circumferential groove (32) of the end section (29) of the bearing bushing (3).

11. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the sealing lip (28) of the front seal (9) is supported in a non-positive manner at an inside of the reinforcement (11) of the main seal (8).

12. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 11, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the sealing lip (28) of the front seal (9) is provided with at least one axially extending groove (37) in an area of a contact zone (36).

13. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the front seal (9) includes an axial rim (33) on a side opposite the main seal (8), said rim is supported in a mounted state on a shoulder (34) of the journal (4).

14. (Currently amended) A gasket unit according to claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ an outside diameter of the bearing bushing (3) is identical or larger than an outside diameter of the front seal (9).